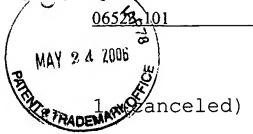
CLAIMS



- 2. (currently amended) A device for stretching the muscles and decompressing the spine of a user, comprising:
- a flexible sheet, having two ends, <u>engaging a horizontal surface</u>, for supporting the user in a substantially horizontal position;

actuation means for bending said flexible sheet, wherein said actuation means comprises:

a motor, having a shaft;

[[at least one cable, having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is connected to said at least one pulley, and wherein said second end is connected to said at least one end of said flexible sheet and adapted to increase or decrease radius of said flexible sheet while being occupied by the user.]] at least a first and second pulley connected to said shaft; and at least a first and second cable, each having a first end and a second end, with the first end of the first cable attached to the first pulley and the second end of the first cable attached to said first end of said flexible sheet; and the first end of the second cable attached to the second pulley and the second end of the second cable attached to said second end of said flexible sheet.

- 3. (canceled)
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (canceled)
- 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, further comprising at least one pivotal support having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is pivotally connected to said flexible sheet, wherein said second end is pivotally connected to a support means that traverses in a substantially [[longitudinal]] horizontal direction to increase or decrease the radius of said flexible sheet.

8. (canceled)

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